**Combating insurgency along Indo-Myanmar Border**

4470. SHRI R. S. GAVAI:
SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Governments of India and Myanmar have reviewed the progress made in the implementation of measures for insuring security along the borders of both the countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any proposal to combat insurgency along the borders of both the countries has received from the Myanmar Government;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (e) There are institutional mechanisms in place for regular dialogue on security-related issues including the need for cooperation in combating insurgency.

**USA's Direction to Pakistan to refrain from provoking militancy in India**

4471. SHRI CM. IBRAHIM: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the US has lately asked Pakistan to refrain from training and smuggling of terrorists, including mercenaries, into India across the Line of Control and otherwise, and from fuelling militancy in Kashmir;

(b) if so, Government's information in this regard; and

(c) the Pak response and Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) to (c) It is not for Government to comment on U.S. Government's contacts with

a third country. However, in a recent letter to the Prime Minister, the U.S. President conveyed that this administration would urge Pakistan to create an atmosphere in which dialogue could be resumed without the shadow of extremist violence.

**Demands of IT professionals**

4472. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Witl the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demands, both for Information Technology Personnel to meet domestic requirements as well as demand from other countries by standard categories, as at present and for the next five years *vis-a-vis* present intake capacity and output; and

(b) the details of the comprehensive time bound action plan formulated for training of youngesters in IT to meet domestic requirements and cater to the emerging global requirements of trained manpower by various countries?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) As per National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM's) Human Resource Development (HRD) Survey, there were 3,40,000 IT Professionals employed in the country as on 31st March, 2000. By 2008, IT industry would require 23.67 lakh IT Professionals in three categories—2 lakh for Category A (Software Products), 5.77 lakh for Category B (IT Services & E-business) and 15.9 lakhs for Category C (IT enabled services and E-business).

The Task Force on HRD in IT in its interim report has estimated international demand, notionally, as 20% of the overall manpower requirements. This report further adds that the rate of growth of IT sector worldwide cannot be predicted with absolute certainty and it is difficult to predict how much of Indian IT manpower would be attracted away by other countries.

(b) Task Force on HRD in IT in its interim report has made forty-seven (47) specific recommendations to ensure adequate supply of manpower for the Information Technology sector. The objective is to